



January 4, 2021

Dear Upward Bound Students and Parents,

I hope you have had a safe and restful holiday season. Things have definitely been different due to COVID. I am hopeful that the pandemic will soon end and that I'll get to see you all soon. Things for the Winter/Spring will run similarly to the Fall. The information is as follows.

### Academic Instruction and Homework Help

In place of weekly tutoring, we will offer Academic Instruction and Homework Help. We have contracted with iTutor this year to provide both academic instruction and help in your classes. iTutor will provide instruction in Math, Language Arts, and Science for an hour for each subject each week. They will also provide homework help for two hours each week. The schedule is as follows:

	<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>
<b>4:00-5:00 p.m.</b>	Math Instruction	English/Language Arts Instruction	Science Instruction
<b>5:00-6:00 p.m.</b>	Homework Help ELA/other subjects		Homework Help Math

Weekly academic Instruction and homework help will begin Monday, Jan. 11. Login instructions are the same as back in the Fall. **If you need login information, please contact us and let us know. The ways in which you can contact us are below. We will need your email address to establish your login.**

### Work Study Opportunity

This year, Upward Bound students will have the opportunity to participate in a Work Study experience via Virtual Job Shadow. Students will have the chance to learn about careers so that they can make an informed decision about the type of work they want to do as adults. Detailed information about careers will also help students in selecting a college major that will help them to achieve their desired career path. Students who participate in Work Study will have the opportunity to earn up to \$120.00 per quarter in addition to their student stipend. That means that a student who regularly attends Academic Instruction and Homework Help, attends Virtual Saturday Sessions, as well as participates in Work Study can earn up to \$200 per quarter! Students should have already received their login information for Virtual Job Shadow. If not, please contact Ms. Ashantice.

### Kroger Meal Cards

Due to the pandemic, we are able to provide students with \$100 Kroger cards monthly. These cards will be mailed home to students who participate regularly in Academic Instruction, Homework Help, and Virtual Saturday Sessions. Parents—we know your students are straining your grocery budget during distance learning. Encourage them to login for Upward Bound so that we can help!

### Distribution Day

We will not have a scheduled Distribution Day this semester. However, if you need supplies or a Chromebook, please call us at (937) 229-3580 or email Ms. Ashantice at [johnsonknoxal@udayton.edu](mailto:johnsonknoxal@udayton.edu).



## Virtual Saturday Sessions

We will still have our Saturday Sessions once a month. However, they will take place virtually via Zoom. More details on when they will be offered will be shared in our Calendar of Events which is forthcoming.

## ACT Test Prep Boot Camp

We will have another ACT Boot Camp this Spring. The Boot Camps are mandatory for Juniors and Seniors, but will be open to all Upward Bound students who want to take advantage of them. More information on date is forthcoming. Some families pay thousands of dollars for this type of ACT test prep. It's free to you as an Upward Bound participant!

## Upward Bound Student Application is now online!

Do you have friends or family members who attend Dunbar, Meadowdale, or Belmont High Schools, are in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade, and are interested in going to college? Do you know someone who is currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will attend one or the three mentioned target schools in the Fall? Tell them about UD-UB and let them know that our Student Application is now online! You can share the link below with them to get them started. Space in the Program is limited, so tell them not to procrastinate. We anticipate being fully residential all 6 weeks this summer, pandemic permitting. If they get in this Winter/Spring, they will already be enrolled in time for summer!

<https://botform.compansol.com/202103911220030>

\*\*\*Keep in mind that if you have not been participating during the Academic Year, your spot for the Summer is not guaranteed. A new student may be given your spot!

## Upward Bound Program Staff Working from Home—How you can contact us

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Upward Bound Staff will be working from home throughout Spring Semester. However, you can still reach us whenever you need to via Remind, or the following:

Dr. Ieesha Ramsey, Director  
Phone: (937) 229-4517  
Email: [iramsey1@udayton.edu](mailto:iramsey1@udayton.edu)

Ms. Ashantice Johnson-Knox, Program Specialist  
Phone: (937) 229-3580  
Email: [johnsonknox1@udayton.edu](mailto:johnsonknox1@udayton.edu)

Mrs. Elizabeth Kindell, Program Assistant  
Phone: (937) 229-1028  
Email: [kindelle1@udayton.edu](mailto:kindelle1@udayton.edu)

## Remind

If you need to add yourself to the Remind text messaging:

Students: Text @udub2018 to 81010

Parents: Text @udubp to 81010

Remind is the fastest way for us to communicate with students and parents, as important communications and quick questions are communicated this way. And messages can be sent both ways through Remind.



## Facebook

You can also follow us on Facebook for updates: U Dayton Upward Bound

## One Call Now

We will also communicate via One Call Now to keep you updated. If your phone number has changed within the last 6 months, please email your new number to [iramsey1@udayton.edu](mailto:iramsey1@udayton.edu) so that the calling list can be updated.

I wish you a safe and productive Winter/Spring Semester. We are here to support you during these unprecedented times, so please reach out if you need anything. Please stay well and stay safe.

All the Best,

Dr. Ieesha Ramsey  
Director  
University of Dayton Upward Bound Program